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EDGAR E. PARKER

The City of Columbus has lost one of its most noble citizens. The stamp collectors of Columbus and the Columbus Philatelic Club will suffer this loss far more than the average citizen, because of the fact that "Ed" Parker, as he was known to all his acquaintances, had in the few years that he has been a member of the Columbus Philatelic Club, become its "Number One" member.

Ed Parker died from a heart attack at the age of 49. He had suffered for some time past from heart trouble. He had a severe attack at his home on the evening of March 31st. On Friday noon, April 1st, he had lunch with some members of the Club at the Virginia Hotel, on leaving there and driving to his office he was stopped by a red traffic light at 1:30 P. M. When the go signal flashed green his car failed to move for his Maker had given him the final stop signal thus taking from his family and friends one of the finest men He had ever fashioned.

For twenty-five years he had been the active head of The Justus & Parker Company and had only recently succeeded his father as president of the company.

Both at his home and at his place of business, Ed was ever ready to welcome members of the Club as well as visiting stamp collectors. No stamp collector was a stranger to him after a first meeting. His interest in stamps was not confined to his own collection, for many a fellow collector both in the club and in cities throughout the United States, have reposing in their collections choice stamps which are the result of the generosity of Ed Parker. No one could give him a stamp without he gave them more in return, his generosity was unbounded.

Besides his interest in the Columbus Philatelic Club, Ed was always ready and anxious to visit clubs in the neighboring towns and cities.

The Columbus Philatelic Club was but a few years old when he became a member and from that time his influence was evident. The membership, not long in recognizing his interest and ability, soon elected him president.

This was in 1932 and Ed presided at every meeting during his term of office for he felt it a duty as well as pleasure to do

so. He was custodian extraordinary of much of the paraphernalia and miscellaneous possessions of the club, for someone had to care for this and Ed in his usual manner provided housing for this material. He supervised the procuring and assembling of the club frames for exhibition purposes and the cases in which they were stored. It was at his store that space was provided for their storage and where all of the club exhibitions were mounted and prepared for display.

Ed's first love in stamps was his Bureau Precancels. Followers of this phase of our hobby probably know better than we that his collection of these stamps was one of the foremost in the country. He collected numerous other stamps in the way of certain definite items among which was an excellent lot of the 5c Beacon Airmail. He had also numerous foreign stamps, some countries in which he had made special efforts toward completion, notably Danzig and recently, Germany.

Among his most treasured possessions was a collection of covers which was being built to show the postal history of Columbus. He had acquired many early covers and was bringing together a complete collection of postal markings of this city.

Altho for many years a member of the York Lodge of Masons, his chief interests were with his friends and stamp collecting associates.

Perhaps one of the things that will always make his life outstanding is a virtue unknown to any but his very close friends. It is due to his modesty that few people knew Ed Parker as a Philanthropist. Nothing gave him more real pleasure than to help the needy. There have been innumerable occasions on which he has given liberally of his means toward the assistance of the unfortunate. Many such instances were chance acquaintances and contacts, whose unfortunate circumstances appealed to him and his assistance and generosity has been the means of making many an urchin happy, for he was above all, a lover of youth.

Although he is gone, he will never be forgotten and every member of the Columbus Philatelic Club will profit by having had the opportunity to associate with him. His spirit will ever be a guiding star for those who have a wish to serve the club and no better pattern could be followed than to follow in the footsteps of our own Beloved Ed Parker.

Mr. Parker was buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Monday afternoon, April 4th. A next door neighbor and seven members of the club acted as pall bearers. The services at the Schoedinger Mortuary were attended by a large crowd among which were most of the active members of the club and the employees of his store.

He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene M. Parker, his wife Clara, his daughter Virginia, his sons Robert E. and James H. Parker and his sister Mrs. L. H. Van Buskirk.

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Spain Resorts to Stamps For Currency

The Spanish Republican government has ordered the withdrawal from circulation of the fractional currency issued by the various municipalities. In place of these varied issues, postage stamps are being pasted on small cards and are thus being used for small change. Coins seem to have long since disappeared from circulation.

Trans-Pacific Service Extended

Effective March 26th, British postal planes will take mail received at Hong Kong on the trans-Pacific air mail route for onward transmission to Bangkok (Siam), Burma and India. The flights will be made twice a week. Thus, mails from the U. S. will reach Siam in 11 days and Indian points in 12 days.

Ecuador Map Trouble

Not profiting by the recent unpleasant experiences of Honduras, Nicaragua, Argentina, etc., through issuing stamps with maps so bounded that neighboring countries complained, the Republic of Ecuador has added a similar map stamp to its issues. The little republic has long had an argument with its neighbors, Brazil, Peru and Colombia over boundaries. A 5c stamp issued January 10th has for its design a map of the country and press reports have it that Brazil and Peru are protesting the inclusion as Ecuadorian territory of some thousand square miles of what they consider as their territory.

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384	5.65	.10	.05	—
408	.45	.08	.04	.25
409	.65	.08	.05	.45
481	.35	.08	.08	.35
482	.64	.16	.14	.58
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Basutoland FDC Forgeries

On Feb. 14th, one Conrad F. Jacobs appeared before the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on charges of inciting to forgery. The charges were dismissed by the judge on the grounds that the evidence showed that the postal agent at Makoalis, Basutoland, a Mr. W. H. Nettlingham had originated the idea of ante-dating of stamps and first day covers. It was stated during the trial that during 1936 and 1937 the agent had cancelled a number of Jubilees with the first day cancel date of May 1, 1935, and further that he offered to supply any quantity Jacobs wanted with the date May 4th. Coronations were similarly back-dated. No one was jailed or fined, the defendant being acquitted.

—Phil. Trader

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The Illinois Valley Stamp Club will hold its Third Annual Exhibit on Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1, in the Elks Hall, La Salle, Ill. For details, write Aug. Woeckel, 1311 Illinois St., La Salle.

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Peruvian stamps of the 1935 issue overprinted "Radio Nacional" are not postage stamps, but are used for accounting purposes by the broadcasting company.

—Gibbons' Monthly.

At the request of the Turkish Postal Administration the U. S. Post Office Dept. has broadcast a warning against the counterfeit or fraudulent souvenir blocks purporting to be a Turkish issue. The stamps are of 10 Kurus denomination and portray Kemal Ataturk.

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April 22-23—M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York. The 223rd Sale of this firm.

April 29—U. S. British Colonials, etc. Bernhardt & Hain, Box 98, Lebanon, Penna.

May 4—U. S., Foreign, Wholesale. A. H. Murchison, 877 Tremaine, Los Angeles, Calif.

1918 Airs in Sheets

The Mint Sheet Brokerage has an unusual lot in their current list, a set of the three 1918 U. S. air mails in full well-centered sheets. In connection with these the firm is also starting to offer something new, photostatic copies three-quarters size or less, of outstanding items at 50c per copy. A sample photostat of the three sheets measures about five by 12 inches and shows all three sheets. One dealer is reported covering his office walls with photos of rarities and unusual items.

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U. S. NOTES

Under this heading we will print notes on U. S. issues, past and present, and our readers are asked to submit interesting varieties or items. Be sure when requesting a reply to send a stamped envelope or card.

Chas. Pederson of N. J. reports having a sheet of the 3c Virgin Islands with a gutter at top left and portions of stamps of nearly the entire top two rows of the adjoining sheet. Two of the attached stamps are entire. This triangular extra portion was folded under just before the sheet was cut and in some manner passed the inspectors. This results in a possible horizontal pair with gutter between.

Two weeks ago we printed the item from the New Jersey Philatelic Federation News about the sails on the ship of the 2c Navy. Since its appearance several have written, pointing out that the criticism was incorrect. We suspected it would be criticised in part but not that it was so largely incorrect, since sailors themselves disagree on proper nautical nomenclature. We're neutral, our navigation experience being limited to inland sloops with fore-and-aft sails. The ship on the 2c Navy is corectly rigged, etc., according to letters coming in.

Glenn Grimm asks where he may obtain the envelopes and cards we listed as being part of the current issue. These may be purchased only at post offices, not the Agency, and only the large offices carry any great variety. To obtain all the possible varieties of envelopes would be costly since many are not sold in quantities of less than 250 of each. Postal cards are also sold in sheets of 40 at large offices (for convenience of printers) but may only be used as singles. From these sheets come the fraudulently claimed "errors" simply made by cutting the sheet apart in an incorrect manner.

As the Constitution became effectve following its ratification by New Hampshire on June 21, 1788, a stamp to commemorate this event will probably be issued. Other stamps proposed are ones to commemorate the founding of the Supreme Court, the inauguration of Washington as the first constitutional President and the first Federal Congress. These other anniversaries will occur next year, so these commemoratives probably will not appear until then.

Only one used copy of the 30c August, 1861, U. S. is known to exist.

New York City sold in one day its allotment of 3,000 sets of the demonitised newspaper stamps at $5 per set. This was in February, 1899.

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303	.55	314	1.00	336	1.30	370	.28
304	.55	320	1.15	337	.65	371	1.65
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In our February 26th issue, we published a checklist of Railway Post Offices including all offices and postmarks in use since Sept. 1936. Since the R. P. O. service started in 1882 it is impractical to attempt to publish a list of all that have ever existed, so we limited our list to those markings now or recently current, and set Sept. 1936 as our dividing point as we had fairly complete records from that date. The following postmarks marked with an asterisk (*) indicate they have been discontinued; those with a # mark indicate they have been seen dated after Sept. 1936 and those with "new" in parentheses are new postmarks. The others have been reported but dates were not given, and we list them tentatively.

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Villisca & St. Jos. (new).
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R. P. O. Collectors

We also promised to publish the names of any collectors who wished to exchange R. P. O. postmarks with other collectors and a list follows of those who wrote us for listing. One asterisk (*) means that the collector collects the markings on piece cut 2 by 4 inches; two asterisks (**) means they collect them on entire cover; and three asterisks (***) means they collect them in both forms. Some collectors have also written in asking how to obtain R. P. O. postmarks. The best way to obtain these is to mail them on the cars at stations, a letter drop being in the side of the car for convenience of mailers. You can always readily identify an R. P. O. by the wording on the side of the car and even from a considerable distance you can identify baggage cars so equipped by the fact that next to one door are three to five windows close to each other and the fact that the door itself is narrow in contrast to the usual wide baggage car door. Perhaps collectors among our readers will mail such covers for others? Don't expect nice clear perfect postmarks from R. P. O.'s as these cancels are so seldom used on many routes the ink gets gummy and such marks are frequently illegible.

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Editor's Notebook

PAGE WASHINGTON IRVING

Many years ago the famous writer spun a tale about a schoolmaster being scared away by a "headless horseman" who threw his head at the credulous teacher, said head being just an ordinary pumpkin tossed by the pedant's rival for the smiles of a maiden of the neighborhood. Apparently this bogeyman stuff is an old custom in those parts, or at least is being revived. The house organ of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. devotes four pages of its March issue to throwing "pumpkinheads" at the new illustration law, in a resume by the firm's attorney of the company's views on the illustrating of foreign stamps. As was to be expected, the company continues its policy of opposition and the arguments advanced are, when boiled down, seen to be based on hypothetical cases. In brief, the firm contends that the permission to illustrate foreign stamps without defacing the illustration opens wide the door to courterfeiting under the pretense of legitimate business. It is suggested that illustrations could be printed on gummed paper, perforated and sold under the guise of being illustrations for albums! As if such a transparent scheme would not readily be detected. The new illustration law is even better than we had thought if the best the Scott firm can do in the way of fault finding is to advance such a dud. If anyone is going to counterfeit stamps they'll do so without benefit of legality. The suppositions in the Journal remind us of the legislator who proposed to rid our land of machine-gunning bandits by requiring all persons wishing to have a machine gun to take out a license for such lethal weapons. The firm may well be likened to a drowning person clutching at straws when it further points out that illustrations of revenue stamps must be defaced and that most British Colonials and many other postage stamps are inscribed "Postage and Revenue." Any little technicality it seems will be tried to thwart the clearly expressed intentions of the law to let collectors have catalogs and albums other than those published by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. The crack at British Colonials being frequently revenue stamps as well as postage stamps is obviously broadcast in the hope it will block the importation of the Gibbons catalog, a book long desired by American collectors and which until now was obtained by bootleg methods. Can it be that this four-page legal light's opinion is the opening gun of an attempt to scare the Treasury Department into changing the restrictions? Changing them so that these highly hypothetical methods of counterfeiting worrying the New York firm will remain beyond all doubt entirely imaginary? Oh sure, it will incidentally protect the firm from anything in the way of competition from Britain and elsewhere, but since when was the catalog so perfect that a little competition would not improve it? Lobbyists have delayed for years the passing of sensible illustration laws and now that the first one is barely dry on the statute books, it's time to call a halt in any further such tactics.

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When Was Martha Washington Born?

Recently when assembling data on the persons to be shown on the new regular set, we were confronted with the fact that every encyclopedia, history, etc., was vague on the date of birth of Martha Washington. All stated she was born in May, 1732, but none gave the exact date. Is the date unknown? None stated it was not known. Which all goes to show how little is known of some of the persons shown on stamps. No wonder it took one writer ten years to complete the data on some of the persons shown on foreign stamps.

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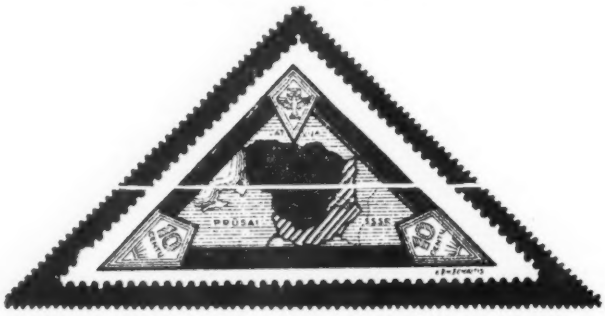

When, a few days ago the Lithuanian government agreed to accept the Polish demands as outlined in an ultimatum backed up with threat of force, another of the frequent war scares that have kept Europe in a state of alarm, vanished over night. Five centuries ago Lithuania was a powerful Grand Duchy, its capital Vilna. In the 18th Century it with neighboring Poland became a part of the Russian Empire. In 1918 following the collapse of the empire, a republic was declared in Lithuania, the new government claimed a large portion of territory around the ancient city of Vilna, which it seized, while Poland was engaged in its war of Independence with Russia in 1919. In 1920 the Polish General Zeligowski captured the city and for three years special stamps were issued for this area inscribed "Central Lithuania." In 1922 the area was annexed to Poland, the shaded portion on the map stamp of 1932 showing the disputed sector. Until Lithuania's agreement to the recent Polish demands the two countries were without any commercial or diplomatic connections. Even mails were not exchanged. Lithuania still has another prospective dispute in the district called "Memel" which it seized from Germany in 1923, the Germans now hoping to get it back. Since Lithuania has a population of about 2,000,000 and consequently only a small army, the future looks stormy for the little country.

San Francisco Exhibition

A gold cup will be awarded the winner of the exhibition "The Penny Blacks" are holding in the ballroom of the California State Armory, San Francisco, Friday evening, April 22nd. This is the fifth annual show by the organization formed in 1933 by a group of San Francisco's business and professional men.

Elly Marks Passes Away

Elly Marks, founder and at time of his death President of the Marks Stamp Company of Toronto, passed away on March 18th at the age of 59. Mr. Marks had commenced his stamp dealing at the age of 11 while at school and in 1891 founded the company bearing his name. During the last years of his life a great portion of his time was given to other firms he had interests in, including real estate, stock brokers, and theatres. No change in the policy of the company is expected.

Cachet for Arbor Day, April 22nd, will be applied to covers sent Alice M. Palach, Pres., Morton High School Phil. Assn., 5434 W. 25th St., Cicero, Ill.

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Springfield, Mass., Exhibit

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S. S. Niew Amsterdam

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Canada has discontinued its airmail route between Montreal and Ottawa.

Playing Card Stamps

Playing card manufacturers are currently struggling to meet the demand for the new "fifth suit" decks of playing cards. The new decks, invented in England and spreading in popularity from that country contain 65 cards instead of the usual 54. The fifth suit is variously designated in Europe as "Crowns," "Leafs," etc., but in the U. S. has been named "Eagles." The addition of this suit to the present four, Clubs, Hearts, Spades, and Diamonds, has caused much extra work for the playing card manufacturers, most of it being hand work in sorting and assembling as their machinery is not geared to other than 54 card decks. Even the revenue stamp affixing machines cannot be used as the new decks require 20c tax, and since there isn't a 20c Playing Cards stamp, pairs of 10c must be used and the machines will affix only one stamp at a time. What is needed is a 20c stamp, and if the Bureau of Internal Revenue decides to supply one we may find some provisionals in the way of surcharges. Collectors should watch the stamps on any of the large decks for developments. Anyone having any information on these should report them to Howard C. Buttermore, 129 S. Whitney Ave., Youngstown, Ohio, to whom we are indebted for the above information. Remember the variety of surcharges in 1917 and how some of these came out unheralded.

A million copies have been printed of the Polish Constitution stamp, issued March 17th. The design is from a painting by W. Boratynski, and engraved by W. Wacek.

An exhibition composed entirely of philatelic items from Russia, its stamp issuing divisions past and present, was to be held April 10th at the New York City Y. M. C. A. at 215 W. 23rd St., by "Rossica," the N. Y. branch.

PRECANCEL STAMP NEWS

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WARNING

One of the biggest breaks ever to come to the bureau print collector, came when the last edition of the buro catalog was released. Personally I do not believe that quite so large amounts would have been sliced off some items had the new ruling curbing the use of precancels been anticipated. The big dealer who depends on his business for a living must needs sell his stamps no matter what the catalog value, and this gives the collector a break which he should follow up to his limit. For there is no doubt in my mind that in the next catalog prices will start to ascend never again to reach such levels as seen in the 20th edition. If you can get your dealer to sell you nice copies at the catalog prices on the current B-11 or listed B-11 and 13 items, it's my advice not to hesitate, because I don't think there is a chance of another general downward revision of the catalog. This may sound funny about getting your dealer to sell you items at catalog prices, but I know of several dealers who have shut off selling most of their new type stock 'till prices are revised upward. Of course, these fellows don't depend on their business for a living and can afford to shut up their stock books when they want to.

FAKES AND FAVORS

Westwood, N. J.—Susans are floating around from here that were never meant to be. They were imprinted to look like U-120, but take heed and let 'em alone.

Albany, Oregon—From the city of the Van Dahl's, the Susan takes another beating—Mr. Leonard Januski informs me that this Albany and the Westwood are null and void—better eliminate these from your albums.

Altoona, Pa.—Watch out for ANY late commem. issues stamped with a poor imitation of U-120 from this burg. I'm stuck with a Susan from here. But that was before I received any dope about it. Word came from Mr. McCreary, dealer in Altoona on this—he states that the head clerk in his p. o. gave orders that no commems. were to be precancelled.

—Griffin Lacey, Jr., Precancel Bee.

DOTS AND DASHES

Westfield, Mass.—B-70s circulating now.—Chillicothe, O., still using its U-74 rubber handstamp and it's about shot, too.—Cranford, N. J., on U-120 seen on 5c and 6c current.—Picked up a couple Parkersburg 3c Stuarts in U-15. They catalog right smart for Stuarts.—Mail Pouch is sending out samples from Wheeling with the 3c Stuart B-11. Still some of the old type B-52s there yet. That's why the price is so low on them. —2c Navy Wellsburg, W. V.; 1c Army and 1c Navy, Cucamonga, Calif., both places in U-121; Hancock, Md., 1c Army in U-120.

BENTLY ????

Came across a 1c 1917 with an odd cancellation. BENTLEY and what looks like the start of a A Must be a one subject affair as it is off center enough to show the end of the cancellation on the right hand side. The letters are about the size of Typewriter type in purple ink and the imprint is inverted. Is there a Bentley, Va.? Who knows where this could be from?

P. S. S. Convention Plans

The St. Louis Precancel Society, hosts to the coming convention of the Precancel Stamp Society are actively working on plans for the event to be held Sept. 1st to 4th, inclusive at the Melbourne Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. The General Chairman of the convention is Henry O. Nouss, President of the P.S.S. Other committee heads are Oliver W. Steele, Exhibition; Harry Labsap, Registration; Leo M. Moulson, Program; W. H. Vesper, Donation Auction; Noel Chadwick, Bourse; and J. Edw. Vining, Publicity.

The San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce has advised that collectors wishing to get all the cachets from that city appearing from time to time should send as many as ten covers, your outside cover to be marked "Attention Cachet Director, John D. Long."

The Hydro-electric works on the Rio Negro in Uruguay, subject of a set of stamps a few months ago, was paid for with 4,500,000 kilos of wool. Germans were the builders.

—H. G. Spanton, Buenos Aires.

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SP2—1c de q. olive green

(R. Roberts)

LIECHTENSTEIN — Photogravure. Sheets of 25 (5x5) unwmkd., granite paper, perf. 11½. Horizontal rectangular format. Pictorial designs:

60r. purple-brown
90r. slate purple

(L. A. Russell)

MANCHUKUO—New Year Greeting Stamp. Sheets of 70 (10x7), perf. 12½. Frame engraved (blue); center surface printed (red). "Twofold Happiness" and "5th Year of Kangteh's reign":

2f. blue & red

(R. Roberts)
(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

NEWFOUNDLAND—Add the following to your 1938 catalogue listings:

#234a. Die II.
Die I—Fine impression.
Die II—Coarse impression.

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

NEW ZEALAND — New King George VI. Issued March 1st. Engraved, wmkd. single line NZ and Star, perf. 14 x 13½. Two plates

used, with the identification number "1" or "2" appearing in the left-hand vertical selvedge opposite the fourth row of stamps:

½d. emerald green (King George VI)

Official Stamps. The above stamps were also issued on the same day, overprinted "Official." The overprinted stamps were from plate 2 only.

(A. J. Bower)

NICARAGUA—75th Anniversary of the Postal System. Additional values to go with those chronicled by us February 26th:

3c. purple
5c. deep blue
7½c. rose-red

(R. Roberts)

PERU—Semi-Postal Stamp. Some first hand information has been received from our friend in Peru, Mr. Nelson Foster, concerning the stamp noted by us January 1st, so we pass it along to you. The stamp was issued in 1936 and was used only a short time. It is now obsolete. We thank Mr. Foster for his timely information, though we wonder why it is some of these stamps escape us so long. Scott's also seem to be in the same boat in this instance.

POLAND—Engraved. Sheets of 100 (10x10) unwmkd., perf. 12½. Size of stamp 25½x 31mm:

15gr. slate (Profile portrait of President Moscicki)
30gr. lilac-mauve (same)

Postage Due Provisional:

10gr. on 2Z. brown

(R. Roberts)

ROUMANIA—Balkan Entente Commemoratives. Photogravure, sheets of 100 (10x10) wmkd. crown and monogram. Perf. 13½:

7.50L. ultramarine (Arms of Greece, Roumania, Turkey and Jugoslavia)
10L. blue (same)

(L. A. Russell)

SEYCHELLES—New King George VI. design. Photogravure, sheets of 120 (8x15) wmkd. script CA on chalk surface paper. 6c, 20c, 45c, 1R. and 5R. are horizontal, balance are upright. Perf. is 14½x13½ for the upright and 13½x14½ for the others. Head of King George VI in medallion, on each with additional pictorial designs as noted below:

2c. purple-brown (coco palm)
3c. green (tortoise)
6c. orange (fishing pirogue)
9c. carmine (coco palm)
12c. purple (tortoise)
20c. blue (fishing pirogue)
25c. bistre (coco palm)
30c. claret (tortoise)
45c. purple-brown (fishing pirogue)
50c. purple (coco palm)
75c. steel blue (tortoise)
1R. yellow-green (fishing pirogue)
1.50R. ultramarine (coco palm)
2.25R. olive (tortoise)
5R. terra cotta (fishing pirogue)

(R. Roberts)

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—King George VI Issue. Additional values to go with those previously noted. Sheets of 100 (10x10), wmkd. script C. A. & Crown, perf. 14:

8c. gray
50c. black on green
$1. carmine & black on blue
$2. carmine & green
$5. carmine & green on green

Postage Due. Figure of value type as before:

50c. black

(R. Roberts)

SWEDEN—250th Anniversary of the Birth of Emanuel Swedenborg Commemoratives. This man was a Swedish scientist, philosopher and founder of Swedenborgian theology. Born in Stockholm, on January 29, 1688, and died in London March 29, 1772. Engraved, unwmkd.:

Coils Imperf. x perf. 12½:
10 ore, purple (portrait of Swedenborg)
100 ore, gray-green (same)

Perf. 12½ all around:
10 ore, purple (same)

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BY BISTANDER

Last week I reported that dealers were trying to locate stocks of Austrian Stamps. That was a very mild statement compared with what took place this week. Every day there was a different wholesale price on the Austrians. The wholesalers who had stocks were very independent. Prices sometimes jumped hourly. A few smart boys combed the outlying small dealers, and paid them full retail price for whatever Austrians they had. One New York dealer advertised the high value Dolfuss stamp at $4.00, limiting each purchaser to one copy. One bright person picked up 10 kids, then paid them a dime apiece and gave them money to buy the Dolfuss stamp. He secured 10 copies this way. Believe it or not, 10 copies made a wonderful supply. This same party gave the dealers a break by letting them have one copy.

I am not advocating any speculation in Austrian stamps, but I am reporting facts just as they occur. I attended an auction sale at Hugh Barr's last week, a few dealers knew this, net result was that five different persons gave me bids to execute for them. It was easy to guess what they were after. You guessed it, Mr. Barr had a few lots of Austrian stamps. I always had an idea that foreign stamps sold on the basis of face value, or catalog value. What surprised me was the fact that these men gave bids of over catalog value for these stamps. I will keep the readers informed of the latest developments in Austrian stamps.

I feel sorry for those dealers who advertised Austrians, for, as you know, an ad is sent in two weeks in advance. Very few of these dealers were able to fill advance orders.

At Barr's sale this past week a copy of the Orangeburg coil was sold for $33.00, a very fine block of the 3c Louisiana Purchase Series sold for $15.25 (almost full catalog price), and a set of the 2c and 5c Hawaiian in very fine blocks brought $3.90. Again let me point out, that U. S. stamps in very fine condition will always bring good prices.

I haven't said anything about the Farleys for the past few weeks. Prices realized at auctions for these stamps have swung upward. Dealers' prices on these items (those who have them) are also slightly higher.

Tri-State Meeting

The Spring meeting of the Tri-State Assn. of Stamp Clubs will be held April 15 and 16 at the Park American Hotel, Kalamazoo, Mich., under the direction of the Kalamazoo Stamp Club. A 100 frame exhibition will be held in connection with the meeting, as well as a lecture and movies. Banquet, $1.25. The Chairman is Theo L. Chambers, 1207 Lane Blvd., Kalamazoo, Mich.

New Zealand News

Figures on the New Zealand Coronation stamps are now available, one paper reporting over 21,500,000 of the 1d remained on hand when the issue was withdrawn at the end of December. Between the first day of sale, May 12th, and the date of withdrawal there were sold of the 1d 38,455,554; of the 2½d, 1,564,496; and of the 6d, 2,079,611. There had originally been printed 60 million of the 1d, 2,000,000 of the 2½d and 3,000,000 of the 6d. The new supply of the 9d pictorial has the watermark normal instead of sideways as before, and further differs somewhat in size of the sheets.

—A. J. Bower.

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Naval Cancels — Cachets

By FREDERICK W. HORTON
ANCS 656
P.O. Box 390, Port Chester, N. Y.

(*) Means include forwarding of 1c per cover.

Howard L. Stevens, 301 Maple Ave., Clearfield, Pa., writes in to say he will sponsor cachets during 1938 to cover the entire fleet. Collectors may send (*) any amount of covers, most are sending 25 a month. This will take care of them as Stevens intends to cover about 25 different ships each month. Stevens is also continuing his Asiatic series. Send any amount of covers.

Myron F. McCamley, 2135 North Alberta Street, Portland, Oregon, will sponsor a Memorial Day cachet on May 30th. Covers will be mailed from 3 submarines: USS Shark, Snapper, Tarpon. Also two sub-tenders, the USS Argonne, and Bushnell. Deadline May 15. Send regular size covers sealed, and no postage dues accepted. (*)

E. M. Brazelton, 3311 Indiana Avenue, Sioux City, Iowa, is planning several cachets for the summer and fall months. These cachets will be hand drawn. Collectors should send at least ten covers right away. Forwarding postage in stamps please, this does not apply to service men and women.

Jim Anderson, 3845 Clarke Street, Oakland, Calif., publishes lists of future cachets to be sponsored, collectors may obtain these lists by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Anderson.

Here is a little more information on the last covers mailed from the sunken Panay. A. W. Wilkinson of Los Angeles writes in to say that he received a letter on March 21 in reply to his, from the Ex-Mail Clerk of the Panay, in which he writes "Am very sorry I have no "Panay" covers to send you, as everything went down with the ship. The last mail to leave the ship was postmarked Nov. 23, Nanking China". Wilkinson says this letter was in reply to his in which he had offered to buy, or exchange for any "Panay" covers he might have. I am withholding the mail clerk's name and present address until I receive his permission to list his name, etc.

Walter J. Dybas, 253 Guilford Street, Buffalo, N. Y., will sponsor (*) the following cachets: April 18, San Francisco earthquake from 1 ship and San Francisco; April 19, Battle of Lexington from 1 ship and Lexington; April 29, Washington inaugurated first president; May 1, Admiral Dewey's Victory at Manila from 2 ships; May 10, Mother's Day from 5 ships; Memorial Day from 5 ships; Dybas is holding covers for Washington's birthday that were returned to him under cover. Collectors who had covers with Dybas for that event and did not receive their covers, are asked to send a No. 10 envelope stamped and self-addressed for return of their covers.

The third issue of the ANCS magazine, the "Navigator" has been sent to all ANCS members who have sent stamped addressed envelopes to P. J. Ickeringill, 435 Riverside Drive, New York, New York. To non members of the ANCS a copy of the first issue will be sent on request.

Walter Czubay, 3117—36 Street, Astoria, L. I., N. Y., sends in a list of cachets he will sponsor for the FD in commission of the following ships. USS Wasp, Wichita, Nashville, Phoenix, Sampson, Davis, Jouett, Benham, Lang, Maury, Mayrant, Trippe, and Rhind. Also a cachet for the shakedown cruise of the USS Nashville, covers (*) in sets of 10 for Nashville. If there is any demand for keel layings, launchings, send extra covers for these events. Most all these events will take place during 1938.

The Stamp Trade

A discussion of Stamp Collecting and Stamp Dealing from the Business angle by the Managing Editor.

GEORGE W. LINN

Acknowledging Subscriptions

It has always been the custom for Linn's Weekly Stamp News to acknowledge receipt of new subscriptions. This has been done in the past by mailing an acknowledgment in the form of a printed circular, thanking the person to whom it is addressed for the subscription and sending along with the circular a few of our regular subscription forms which we ask that you hand or mail to collector friends. In this manner we hope to gain many new subscribers.

In the past several months we have also included with acknowledgments for new subscriptions, a copy of our 32 page catalogue of Philatelic Supplies which are of our own manufacture. During the past three or four weeks, our supply of these catalogues became exhausted and the acknowledgment of subscriptions received in the past two or three weeks has consequently been held up until a new supply of these catalogues has been prepared.

The new printing of these catalogues will be ready within a few days and we hope to start mailing them with acknowledgments of all subscriptions received in the past month.

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Many collectors have sent subscriptions in the past few weeks and have asked for five years for one dollar as we offered some time ago and which offer caused the P. O. Department to rule that we DARE NOT SELL THE PAPER AT THAT PRICE. To bow down to the dictators we have therefore changed the rate to four years for one dollar and all subscriptions recently entered have been on that basis. Therefore bear this in mind and do not write us four years from now when we notify you of your subscription expiration and argue that you got another year coming. If you want to argue that take it up with the Third Assistant P. M. G., we have no time to waste arguing the matter with him.

His Nose Must Itch

If the Third Assistant Postmaster General could read the many letters that come to our office condemning the Dictatorial Mussolinian-Hitlerish Powers that he has assumed as regards the subscription price of this paper, his nose surely would itch, in fact we think the itch would run clear over the top of his scalp and down his spine.

If the P. O. D. Rules contained anything in them that definitely set a figure for subscription prices and we had violated such rules, there would have been some excuse for this ruling, but no such thing is or has happened. It's simply a case of someone got to the ear of the proper party and the little bug started working and we were made the goat along with the almost 20,000 subscribers who have been staunch supporters of this publication. Out of the thousands of publications in this country, many with subscription offers more liberal than what we have made, ours was the only paper stepped on, which makes it certain that some political pressure has been applied, unless our frank remarks about loose production and distribution of special printed stamps for political favors, to government officials has rankled the P. M. G. and we are being slapped on the wrist for our effrontery.

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Now that we have sort of accepted the dictate of the P. O. D. and have definitely set the price of this publication at 50c per year, we have been continuing our ten thousand club offer as a special offer of four years for one dollar. The results thus far have been highly satisfactory. It of course makes the paper look like a bigger bargain than ever, for whereas we were previously giving five years of a 25c paper, equal to $1.25 for a dollar, we are now able to offer four years of a 50c paper, value two dollars, for only one dollar. It makes the bargain bigger for you in dollars and "sense", if you know what we mean.

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